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Gourd Artist Sally Cammack to Demonstrate at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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BEREA, Ky. – On Saturday, May 9, Sally Cammack, of Cynthiana, will demonstrate how she designs and paints gourds, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Born in the coal mining town of Stearns, Cammack now lives in rural Cynthiana, where she uses gourds raised by her family and friends to create her work. Gourds are picked in the fall and stored in an open-weave basket to cure for two to six months. After curing, they are soaked in warm, soapy water and then scraped to remove the mold that forms on them during curing.

When the gourds are ready, Cammack draws a scene on the gourd with a pencil. She then follows each pencil line with a hot wood-burning pen and adds color with a felt-tip pen. Rubbed-effect varnish is then brushed on the surface to seal the color. Sally's designs are all original, with many of the village scenes reflective of the town where she was born or the rural area where she now lives.

Painted gourds by Sally Cammack are regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea, Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the cafe open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. Special exhibits on display include, "Turn, Turn, Turn: Lathe-Turned Works by Kentucky Artisans," through Sept. 12; and on display in the lobby, "Kentucky Murals by Frank W. Long." For more information about events call 859-985-5448, visit the center on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center, or go to the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov.

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Photos, left to right: Sally Cammack draws images on a gourd; a finished painted gourd by Cammack at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea